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PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. R2000-1/113

POSTAL PATE CONSTRUCTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON WITNESS AVAILABILITY

(Issued August 10, 2000)

The revised procedural schedule in this case established in Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/71 calls for evidence in rebuttal to the cases-in-chief of participants other than the Postal Service to be filed on August 14, 2000. Changes to cases-in-chief incorporating revisions to test year forecasts are also to be filed on that date. Hearings to receive both types of evidence are scheduled for August 23 – September 1, 2000. If possible, testimony provided in response to Notice of Inquiry No. 4, which is due to be filed by August 16, 2000, will also be received at those hearings.

Participants submitting evidence on August 14, 2000 should accompany their submissions with a statement indicating the availability of their witnesses to appear during the hearing period. If a witness will sponsor more than one piece of testimony, please indicate whether it is preferred that all testimony be received on the same day. Any participant submitting testimony in response to Notice of Inquiry No. 4 also is requested to provide this information.

RULING

Participants sponsoring testimony: on rebuttal to participants' direct evidence; on changes to cases in chief; or in response to Notice of Inquiry No. 4 should provide notice of the availability of witnesses to appear between August 23 and September 1, 2000 together with that testimony.

Edward J. Gleiman

Presiding Officer